

The Honorable John P. Capuzzi Sr.

The Honorable John P. Capuzzi, Sr. was sworn in January 3, 2012 to a ten-year term on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, retained in 2021 and took Senior status in 2023. Judge Capuzzi earned a BA and MBA at LaSalle University. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the Delaware Law School of Widener University in 1988. Judge Capuzzi is admitted before the Supreme Court of the United States, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and the Federal Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Capuzzi was assigned to the criminal court division. Judge Capuzzi was the Chairman of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, and is the Chairman of the Court Security Committee and the Administrator of the Second Chance Court Program.

Judge Capuzzi is a Life Member and Past President of Yeadon Fire Company No. 1. He served as President of Yeadon Borough Council from 1982 through 1989 and as the First Ward Commissioner for Marple Township from 2000 through 2005. Judge Capuzzi has served as President of the Guy G. de Furia American Inn of Court. In 2012, Judge Capuzzi was presented with the Guy G. de Furia Award in recognition of his outstanding legal ability, professionalism and high ethical standards.

From 1988 through 2005, Judge Capuzzi served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Torts Litigation Section of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. During that time, he litigated major, complex cases for various state agencies.

Starting in 2006, Judge Capuzzi served as the Magisterial District Judge for Marple Township and Haverford Township. From 2006 to 2011, he was a partner in the law firm of Imperatrice, Amarant, Capuzzi & Bell, P.C.

As a practicing attorney, Judge Capuzzi was AV rated (highest legal ability and ethical standards) in Martindale Hubbell.

Prior to entering law, Judge Capuzzi was a practicing nuclear medicine technologist serving as associate chief technologist at Temple University Hospital and chief technologist at Crozer Chester Medical Center. He authored or co-authored several scientific papers and won several awards for his scientific presentations.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- o Chairman of Court Security Committee: 2015 to Present
- o Recipient of the Donald J. Orłowski Memorial Award from the Delaware County Bar Association, which recognizes outstanding performance by a judge: 2015
- o Originator of “Second Chance Court” an opioid early intervention program: 2017 to Present
- o Elected to the Monsignor Bonner High School Hall of fame: 2018
- o Chairman of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board: 2018 to 2025
- o Presenter and Co-Chair of the Bi-Annual Delaware County Court’s Symposium on Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Illness: 2018, 2022 and 2024
- o Presenter and Panelist – Opioid Treatment at Time of Arrest – Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency: 2022

- o **Publication: Second Chance Court: An Early Lifeline for Offenders with Substance Use Disorders: The Pennsylvania Lawyer: 2022**
- o **Speaker and Panelist – Opioid Crises Settlement Funds: Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges: 2023**
- o **Speaker and Panelist – Why Courts Need a Say in the Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds: Pennsylvania Conference of State Court Administrators: 2024**
- o **Recipient of the President’s Award of the Delaware County Bar Association for outstanding service to the Association: 2025**